THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIKASHIRAM RANA) : (a) to (c) As per World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the quantitative restrictions (import quotas) would be completely phased out and textile sector fully integrated by 1st January 2005. All WTO Members including USA and EU Member Nations are bound by this obligation.

The liberalised trading regime is expected to result in increased international trade in textiles thus providing greater export opportunities.

All Women Police Battalions

*656. SHRI SURESHKALMADI:

SHRI S ANTOSH B AGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to raise Women Battalions in all Central and State Police Forces;

(b) if so, whether any groundwork has been prepared in this direction;

(c) the names of the States that have proposed an All Women Police Battalion; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIID. SWAMI): (a)No,Sir.

(b) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) already has two women battalions and one full contingent of women police in each of the units of Rapid Action Force under CRPF. There is no proposal to raise additional Women Battalions in Central Police Forces.

(c) Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu are the only States which have proposed setting up of an all women police battalion each. In Madhya Pradesh, there are some companies of women police in their Special Armed Police. The Government of Karnataka has also proposed to raise two companies of women Police (Armed).

(d) The State Government of Jharkhand has informed that the process of recruitment to the women battalions has already been started. Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that this proposal is still being developed.

Crime rate in South Delhi

657. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Delhi is the most prone to crime in the capital;

(b) whether South Delhi constitutes 19 per cent to the overall crime rate in Delhi as reported in the media; if so, the details of crime figures of this area during 2002; and

(c) whether this goes against the claim of Delhi Police that the crime rate has come down in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIHARIN PATHAK): (a) The higher number of IPC-related crimes reported from South District as compared to other Districts is due to variety of reasons including the fact that it has the largest number of Police Stations under its jurisdiction.

(b) The number of IPC-related cases reported from South District during the year 2002 constituted 18.94% of the total IPC-related crimes reported during the same period from the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The number of heinous and non heinous IPC-related crimes reported from the South District during the year 2002 is as follows:

Crime held	Number of cases
Heinous Non-	328
Heinous	8978

(c) No, Sir. Not only the number of IPC-related cases reported dunng the year 2002 form South District is less than the number of such cases reported during the preceding year, the South District during the same period registered a decline in number of such cases by 13.38% as compared to 9.65% for whole of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Fresh talks with Naga rebel leaders

*658. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh round of talks have recently been held with Naga rebel leaders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the talks have been conducted within the scope of the Indian Constitution and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the results of the talks, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. S WAMI): (a) to (d) Further talks were held between the Government of India's Representative for Naga Peace Talks and NSCN(IM) leaders to find an